

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An aesthetically acceptable toothbrush manufactured from preformed components comprising:
the toothbrush formed from at least two preformed toothbrush components, which are welded together to form a toothbrush having acceptable peel resistant strength; said preformed toothbrush components being selected from the group consisting of at least a part of a head, a neck and a handle, and combinations thereof.
2. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said weld has a break strength to withstand a peel force of at least 15 in-lbs. (1.69 joules).
3. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said weld has a break strength to withstand a peel force of at least 18 in-lbs. (2.03 joules).
4. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said weld has a break strength to withstand a peel force of at least 20 in-lbs. (2.26 joules).
5. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said at least one of said components is elastomeric.
6. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein a head and a handle are welded by heating each respective component with hot air.
7. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein three preformed components or parts thereof are welded together to form a toothbrush.
8. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 7, wherein at least one of said preformed components is elastomeric.

9. (Original) An aesthetically acceptable toothbrush manufactured from preformed components comprising:

the toothbrush formed from at least two preformed toothbrush components, which are welded together to form a toothbrush; said preformed toothbrush components being selected from the group consisting of at least a part of a head, a neck and a handle, and combinations thereof, wherein said components are of different thermoplastic materials having melt flow rates which differ by more than 5 g/10 min.

10. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 9, wherein at least one of said components is elastomeric.

Claims 11-25. (Cancelled)

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Fig. 3. The Replacement Sheet replaces the original sheet for Fig. 3, which was amended to add reference numeral 30 to an elastomeric component in the neck 12. The Annotated Sheet is a marked up sheet showing the changes.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet